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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): T. MASUDA, et al
Serial No.: 09/421,043
Filed: October 20, 1999
For: PLASMA ETCHING APPARATUS AND PLASMA ETCHING METHOD
Group: 1763
Examiner: A. Mulero

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop: Amendment (Fee)
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 29, 2005

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit the filing of a response within the second month subsequent to the expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed November 29, 2004.

A payment in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 520.34403CV4).

Respectfully submitted,

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